

# Inequalities I: Tedious Techniques

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1. (IMO '95) Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers with  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^3(b+c)} + \frac{1}{b^3(c+a)} + \frac{1}{c^3(a+b)} \geq \frac{3}{2}.$$

2. (USAMO '03) Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{(2a+b+c)^2}{2a^2+(b+c)^2} + \frac{(2b+c+a)^2}{2b^2+(c+a)^2} + \frac{(2c+a+b)^2}{2c^2+(a+b)^2} \leq 8.$$

3. (Bulgaria '97) Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1}{1+a+b} + \frac{1}{1+b+c} + \frac{1}{1+c+a} \leq \frac{1}{2+a} + \frac{1}{2+b} + \frac{1}{2+c}.$$

4. (USAMO '98) Let  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  be numbers from the interval  $(0, \pi/2)$  such that

$$\tan(a_0 - \frac{\pi}{4}) + \tan(a_1 - \frac{\pi}{4}) + \dots + \tan(a_n - \frac{\pi}{4}) \geq n - 1.$$

Prove that

$$\tan a_0 \tan a_1 \dots \tan a_n \geq n^{n+1}.$$

5. (China '97) Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{1997}$  be real numbers satisfying the following conditions:

(a)  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \leq x_i \leq \sqrt{3}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 1997$ ;

(b)  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{1997} = -318\sqrt{3}$ .

6. Find the maximum number of edges a  $k$ -partite graph on  $n$  edges can contain.

7. (IMO '99) Let  $n \geq 2$  be a fixed integer. Find the smallest constant  $C$  such that for all nonnegative reals  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ,

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} x_i x_j (x_i^2 + x_j^2) \leq C \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} x_i \right)^4.$$

Determine when equality occurs.

8. (Vietnam '96) Let  $a, b, c, d$  be four nonnegative real numbers satisfying the condition

$$2(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd) + abc + abd + acd + bcd = 16.$$

Prove that

$$a + b + c + d \geq \frac{2}{3}(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd)$$

and determine when equality holds.